

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Mitsuko IDENO et al.

Application No.: 10/568,745

Confirmation No.: 6655

Filed: February 21, 2006

Art Unit: 1636

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CYTOTOXIC  
LYMPHOCYTES

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**LETTER**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
11/831,423	July 31, 2007	1644
10/486,512	February 12, 2004	1644
10/509,055	September 24, 2004	1644
10/344,534	February 12, 2003	1644
11/790,025	April 23, 2007	1651

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

☐ Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

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Dated:

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**(SUBMISSION AFTER FILING OF AN APPLICATION BUT BEFORE FINAL**  
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**1.114 RCE APPLICATION)**

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Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on the PTO-SB08(s), attached hereto.

II. COPIES

- ☒ a. Copies of cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are not included.  
Copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are included.

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

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- ☒ a. DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - Some or all of the patents, publications, or other information listed on the attached PTO SB08 are in the English language and therefore, do not require a statement of relevancy.
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- ☒ c. ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEARCH REPORT - An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III)(A)(3). International Search Reports are provided for PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/08298, which corresponds to co-pending U.S. National Stage Application No. 10/486,572 and PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/07032, which corresponds to co-pending U.S. National Stage Application No. 10/344,534. The International Search Report for PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/08298 provides the degree of relevance for Tani *et al. Cancer Therapy & Host*, 2000, Vol. 12, No. 4, pp. 330-335, to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/486,572. The International Search Report for PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/07032 provides the degree of relevance for Kato *et al. Jpn. J. Physiol.*, March 2000, vol. 48, pp. 13-19, to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/344,534.

☒ d. OTHER - The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration. **A Japanese Office Action dated October 21, 2008 is provided. Please note that References 1-7 are submitted herewith, Reference 8 was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on May 23, 2006. Also, two other Japanese Office Actions, both dated December 24, 2008, are supplied herewith. Please further note that WO-00/56368-A1 corresponds to US-20060166924-A1. JP-WO2003-080817-A1 corresponds to US-20050227354-A1 and US-20080227204-A1. Also, all of the Restrictions, Non-Final Office Actions, Final Office Actions, and Advisory Actions from co-pending Appl. Nos. 11/831,423, 10/486,512, 10/344,534, 11/790,025 and 10/509,055 are being cited herein for the Examiners consideration.**

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- ☐ a. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a new patent application; therefore, no fee is required.
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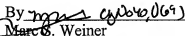
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.



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Attachment(s):

- ☒ PTO/SB/08
- ☒ Document(s)
- ☒ Foreign Search Report(s)
- ☐ Fee
- ☒ Other: